

2004 MICHIGAN ANTLERLESS DEER HUNTING GUIDE

Application Period July 1–August 1, 2004



Apply online at www.michigan.gov/dnr

Important changes for 2004:

- Only public land license valid on Commercial Forest Land
- Only one kill tag with each antlerless license in special regulation units
- Leftover public land licenses may be available for special regulation units



Application Information

Public Land and Commercial Forest Land Only

- You must be 12 years old by the time a license is purchased.
- Review application guide and follow instructions under How to Apply.
- You must pay a \$4 nonrefundable fee at the time of application.
- You may apply
 - at any authorized license dealer
 - at DNR Operations Service Centers
 - at a customer service kiosk (now available in select locations)
 - online at www.michigan.gov/dnr
- To apply, you will need one of the following forms of identification:
 - Valid Michigan Driver License
 - State of Michigan ID Card (issued by Secretary of State)
 - DNR Sportcard (issued through license dealers)
- It is best to apply using a valid Michigan Driver License number.
- Keep your mailing address up to date with the Secretary of State.
- Verify the customer ID (identification used to apply) was correctly entered. **An incorrect customer ID will cause you to become ineligible for a license.**
- Verify that your information was correctly entered and keep your application receipt. **It is your responsibility to ensure this information was entered properly.**
- You may apply only once. Applicants who apply more than once or falsify information will be ineligible for the drawing.
- If successful, you may purchase your antlerless deer hunting license at an authorized license dealer, a customer service kiosk or online. Online customers will receive their license by mail within seven days. You do not need to have your notification card with you when you purchase your license.
 - All licenses must be signed to be valid.
 - Your signature on the license certifies that you meet applicable residency and hunter safety requirements to purchase a Michigan hunting license.
 - Licenses may not be altered or transferred.

Antlerless Deer Hunting License

This license entitles residents and nonresidents 12 and older to take an antlerless deer or a deer with antlers less than three inches in length within the deer management unit specified on the license. Antlerless deer licenses are valid during all deer seasons with hunting equipment appropriate for the season and hunting zone. The antlerless deer license is a stand-alone hunting license. No additional license is necessary to be legally afield. It is illegal to use an antlerless deer license to tag a deer with antlers three inches or more in length.

There are two types of antlerless deer hunting licenses: public land and private land.

A **public land** antlerless deer hunting license is valid for taking antlerless deer from public lands, including state, federal and county lands, open to hunting within the deer management unit specified on the license or upon lands within the DMU that are enrolled as Commercial Forest Lands.

A **private land** antlerless deer hunting license is valid for taking antlerless deer only from any privately owned lands within the deer management unit specified on the license with permission of the landowner. A private land license is not valid on public or lands that are enrolled as Commercial Forest Lands.

Junior Antlerless Deer Hunting License

Young hunters, ages 12 to 16, may purchase one antlerless deer hunting license over the counter July 1 through August 1, 2004. **No application fee or drawing is required.** These licenses are available only for deer management units open to the taking of antlerless deer. These licenses may be purchased for either public or private land. A youth must appear in person with a parent or guardian to purchase the Junior Antlerless Deer Hunting License. Youngsters 12 and 13 are restricted to archery-only hunting. Nonresidents under 17 are allowed to purchase resident licenses.

Antlerless Deer License Quotas

Antlerless deer license quotas were not available at the time this guide was printed. An antlerless license quota is established for each DMU based on the management objectives for that DMU.

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Call: 800-292-7800

Special Deer Seasons

Youth Firearm Deer Season

There is a youth firearm deer season on September 25–26, 2004, on all lands in Michigan. Youths 12–16 years of age may take one deer during this special two-day season. Youths 12 and 13 years of age cannot hunt deer with a firearm and are restricted to archery-only hunting.

A firearm, combination or antlerless license or Deer Management Assistance (DMA) permit authorizing the youth to take a deer with a firearm, may be used if issued for the area/land upon which hunting. The kind of deer which may be taken is the same as during the regular November firearm deer season. The youth must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years of age or older. An adult accompanying a youth firearm deer hunter cannot possess or carry a firearm or bow and arrow and does not need a deer hunting license. It is unlawful to use bait during this season. All youth hunters are required to wear Hunter Orange. Archery licenses are not valid during this season.

Early Antlerless Firearm Deer Season in DMU 055

There will be an early antlerless firearm deer season on private land in DMU 055 in the Upper Peninsula. This season begins Thursday September 16, and runs through September 22, 2004. During this season, all deer hunters are required to wear Hunter Orange.

Early Antlerless Firearm Deer Season in Special Regulation Counties

There will be an early firearm antlerless deer hunting season on private land in Alcona, Alpena, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle counties. This season begins October 9, and runs through October 17, 2004. All firearm hunters must wear Hunter Orange.

During both early firearm seasons, only antlerless deer on private land may be taken. You must have permission from the landowner or leaseholder before hunting on private land and all recreational trespass laws are in effect. You may hunt with a bow and arrow or firearm. All firearm hunters must be 14 or older. You must have an unused antlerless deer license (or DMA permit) issued for the appropriate DMU to hunt deer during these seasons.

Note: DMA permits are not stand-alone licenses. To hunt deer with a DMA permit, you must have purchased a regular firearm, combination, archery or antlerless deer license for the season in which you are hunting.

Late Antlerless Firearm Deer Season in Special Regulation Counties

There will be a late firearm antlerless deer hunting season on private land in Alcona, Alpena, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle counties. This season begins December 20, 2004, and runs through January 2, 2005. During this season, only antlerless deer on private land may be taken. Permission is required from the landowner or leaseholder. You may hunt with a bow and arrow or firearm. All firearm hunters must wear Hunter Orange and must be 14 or older. You must have an unused antlerless deer license (or DMA permit) issued for the appropriate DMU to hunt deer during this season.

Late Antlerless Firearm Deer Season

There may be changes in the late antlerless firearm deer season. See the 2004 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for details.

An Important Message Regarding the Use of Bait

Hunters are prohibited from using bait for deer hunting in Alcona, Alpena, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle counties. The use of bait is permitted in the remainder of the state, but the volume of bait is limited to two gallons at any one time per hunting location. This restriction applies statewide. Baiting may occur only from October 1, 2004 through January 2, 2005. Check the 2004 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide or go to www.michigan.gov/dnr for a complete list of baiting regulations.

Costs

On Sale	Cost
7/1-8/1	\$4.00
7/1-8/1	\$7.00
8/2	\$7.00
8/2	\$70.00
9/9	\$7.00
9/9	\$70.00
9/27	\$7.00
9/27	\$70.00

ter. Statewide, hunters may purchase one private land
erless licenses a hunter can purchase for the season.

Drawing results will be posted September 9 at
www.michigan.gov/dnr

Public Land Drawing Results

Applicants who are successful in the drawing, except those who applied online, will be mailed a postcard by September 13. If successful, you may go to an authorized license dealer or customer service kiosk to purchase your antlerless deer hunting license, or you may purchase your license online. Online customers will receive their license by mail within seven days. **Note:** Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified. If you applied in the drawing and do not receive a postcard in the mail, please go to the DNR Web site to check your result before calling customer assistance.

Assistance

If you encounter problems with your antlerless deer application, you can obtain assistance by calling 517-373-3904. All inquiries regarding your application must be made prior to July 30. Following the drawing, you can call this number if you also need assistance with purchasing your license.

Leftover Licenses

After the drawing, any remaining public land licenses for special regulation units will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis at one antlerless license per day until the quota is reached. These licenses will become available beginning September 27 at 10 a.m. You may not purchase both a public land and private land antlerless license on the same day.

Turn in Your Deer Heads

If you take a deer in any season in the following counties in the Lower Peninsula, we are asking that you turn in your deer's head at any DNR office for free tuberculosis testing: Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Barry, Bay, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Clare, Crawford, Emmet, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Isabella, Kalkaska, Lake, Mecosta, Midland, Missaukee, Montmorency, Newaygo, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon, and Wexford.

Tagging Option for Antlerless Deer Hunters

An antlerless deer hunter, with an unused antlerless kill tag for the DMU in which hunting **and** an unused antlered deer license (firearm, archery or combination) appropriate for the season in which hunting, may tag a male antlerless deer with the antlered deer license. Note: Both licenses must be

immediately tagged.

A male antlerless deer means a male deer without antlers or with antlers where the longest antler extends less than three inches above the skull.

Hunters, Learn to Identify “Button Bucks”

Each year many hunters harvest buck fawns, commonly called “button bucks” on antlerless deer licenses. Though perfectly legal, harvesting these deer may reduce the number of bucks for the future. By learning the difference between adult does and buck fawns and observing these suggestions, hunters can make a conscious choice on whether to harvest a buck fawn.

- Do not take an antlerless deer that appears alone. Adult does rarely travel alone. Button bucks do travel alone.
- Wait until several deer are together; then harvest one of the larger antlerless deer.
- Look at body shapes of deer. Adult does are different in shape from juvenile deer. The mature doe is rectangular in shape with a long neck and face. Fawns are square shaped and have a short neck and face.
- If two juvenile deer are without an adult, one probably will be a button buck. Normally the young male is larger than the female and may be mistaken for an adult doe because of its larger size. Look at the head of the deer. A doe's head normally is more rounded on top between the ears because a buck's head is flattened by the base for the antlers.
- Look closely with binoculars for the antler bases on button bucks.
- Wait until the deer are standing or moving slowly. It is easier to identify sex and age when deer are not running or moving fast.
- Shoot with good visibility. Poor light or heavy cover make it difficult to determine sex and age.

Antlerless Deer License

Item No.	Name
150	Antlerless Deer Application (Public Land Only)
153	Deer Antlerless Junior License (Public or Private Land)
154	Deer Antlerless Private Land OTC Resident License*
155	Deer Antlerless Private Land OTC Nonresident License*
151	Deer Antlerless Public Land Resident License
152	Deer Antlerless Public Land Nonresident License
251	Deer Antlerless Public Leftover Resident License**
252	Deer Antlerless Public Leftover Nonresident License**

OTC = Over the counter

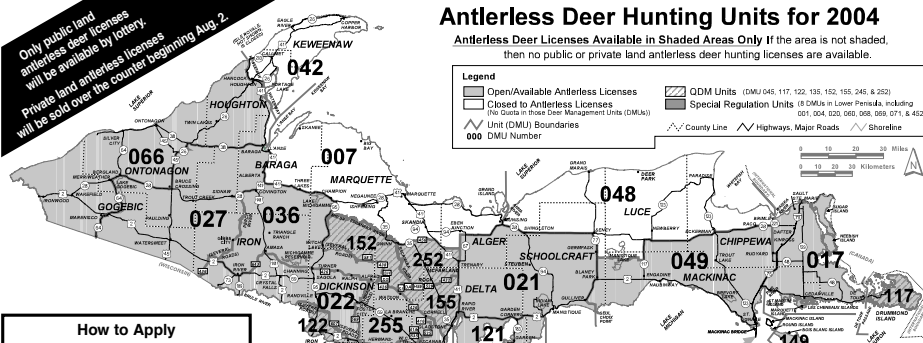
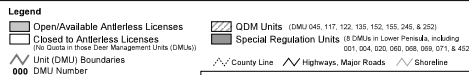
*Beginning August 2, all private land antlerless deer hunting licenses will be sold over the antlerless deer license each day until the quota is reached. There is no limit on how many

**Leftover licenses may be available for special regulation units only.

Only public land
antlerless deer licenses
will be available by lottery.
Private land antlerless licenses
will be sold over the counter beginning Aug. 2.

Antlerless Deer Hunting Units for 2004

Antlerless Deer Licenses Available in Shaded Areas Only. If the area is not shaded, then no public or private land antlerless deer hunting licenses are available.



How to Apply

- Look at the map and choose the DMU where you wish to hunt.
- Find the DMU in the hunt table to see if public land licenses are available.
- Complete worksheet
- Apply at a license agent, customer service kiosk, or online at www.michigan.gov/dnr
- Check your receipt. Retain receipt as proof of application.

*NOTE: Online customers will receive their license by mail within seven days.

Hunt Table

Public land licenses are available by application for selected DMUs, as indicated. A public land license is required to hunt on Commercial Forest Land.

Private land licenses will be sold over the counter beginning August 2 for all listed DMUs.

DMU	Public Land	DMU	Public Land	DMU	Public Land
001	x	035	x	068	x
003	x	036	x	070	x
004	x	037	x	071	x
005	x	038	x	072	x
006	x	039	x	073	x
007	x	040	x	074	x
008	x	041	x	075	x
009	x	042	x	076	x
010	x	043	x	077	x
011	x	044	x	078	x
012	x	045	x	079	x
013	x	046	x	080	x
014	x	047	x	081	x
015	x	048	x	082	x
016	x	049	x	083	x
017	x	050	x	084	x
018	x	051	x	085	x
019	x	052	x	086	x
020	x	053	x	087	x
021	x	054	x	088	x
022	x	055	x	089	x
023	x	056	x	090	x
024	x	057	x	091	x
025	x	058	x	092	x
026	x	059	x	093	x
027	x	060	x	094	x
028	x	061	x	095	x
029	x	062	x	096	x
030	x	063	x	097	x
031	x	064	x	098	x
032	x	065	x	099	x
033	x	066	x	100	x
034	x	067	x	101	x

X = Public land open to antlerless hunting in the DMU.

DMUs shaded in dark gray are the special regulation counties that have early and late antlerless firearm deer seasons. In these seven counties there is no baiting and no recreational feeding.

QDM Units

Public Land License Worksheet

The license agent will ask for the following information when applying:

1. Your birth date?
2. Customer ID number?
3. Application item type?
4. Hunt Unit Number (DMU)?

Michigan Deer License, State of Michigan D-Chart, or DMU Signpost

150 Antlerless Deer Application

(See map or table for DMU number)
*This must be put in 1 in front of the DMU when applying for or purchasing a public land license or #2 in front of the DMU when purchasing a private land license.

IMPORTANT Commercial Forest Land

Only public land antlerless licenses are valid on Commercial Forest Lands. If you plan to hunt during the firearm or muzzleloader season for an antlerless deer on Commercial Forest Land, you must have a public land antlerless license for that DMU.

NOTE: The Upper Peninsula is shifted from its normal position north of the Lower Peninsula. It is a larger display of this map.
1. Arrows connect the peninsula at the correct position.

Quality Deer Management (QDM) Units

These units, in cross-hatched pattern (DMU 045, 117, 122, 135, 152, 245, and 252), have regulations that:

- (1) restrict the buck harvest;
- (2) increase the antlerless deer harvest to produce a more balanced sex ratio within the deer herd; and
- (3) produce a population in balance with its habitat.

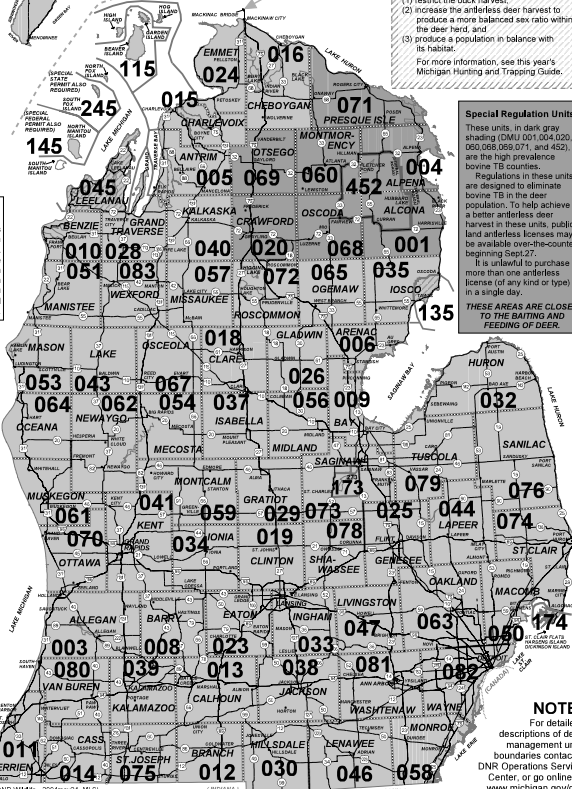
For more information, see this year's Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide.

Special Regulation Units

These units, in dark gray shading (DMU 001, 004, 020, 060, 068, 069, 071, and 452), are the high prevalence bovine TB counties. Regulations in these units are designed to eliminate bovine TB in the deer population. To help achieve a better antlerless deer harvest in these units, public land antlerless licenses may be available over-the-counter beginning Sept. 27.

It is unlawful to purchase more than one antlerless license (of any kind or type) in a single day.

THESE ARE AREAS CLOSED TO THE BAITING AND FEEDING OF DEER.



Minimum acreage requirement eliminated.
No property tax number needed.

NOTE:

For detailed descriptions of deer management unit boundaries contact a DNR Operations Service Center or go online to www.michigan.gov/dnr

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Violations (RAP)800-292-7800
TTY/TDD711 (Michigan Relay Center)

The DNR Operations Service Centers listed below are open
Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Baraga 427 US-41 North Baraga, MI 49908 906-353-6651	Gaylord 1732 W. M-32 Gaylord, MI 49735 989-732-3541	Bay City 503 N. Euclid Ave., Suite 1 Bay City, MI 48706 989-684-9141
Marquette 1990 US-41 South Marquette, MI 49855 906-228-6561	Roscommon 1-75 & M-18 South 8717 N. Roscommon Rd. Roscommon, MI 48653 989-275-5151	Livonia* 38980 Seven Mile Rd. Livonia, MI 48152 734-953-0241
Newberry 5100 M-123 Newberry, MI 49868 906-293-5131	Cadillac 8015 Mackinaw Trail Cadillac, MI 49601 231-775-9727	Plainwell 621 N. 10th St. Plainwell, MI 49080 269-685-6851

* This location will be changing in
late 2004



The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act places an excise tax on firearms, handguns, ammunition and archery equipment. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service apportions these funds to state wildlife agencies to be used for wildlife management, research, habitat acquisition, game area and shooting range development and hunter education. Since its inception in 1937, Michigan's share of the Wildlife Restoration funds has reached almost \$150 million.

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